

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MANILA 07672 01 OF 02 101052Z
ACTION SIL-01

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 EUR-12 NEA-11 IO-13
ISO-00 MMO-01 EB-08 LAB-04 /081 W
-----058858 101108Z /16

R 101000Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5557
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
USMISSION GENEVA
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 MANILA 07672

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, RP
SUBJECT: PRAGUE CONVENTION OF WFTU

REF: STATE A-1200

1. SUMMARY: GABRIEL GATCHALIAN, TREASURER OF THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (TUCP), RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE WFTU CONGRESS IN PRAGUE AND TOLD LABATT THAT THERE WERE SIX FILIPINO UNIONS POSSESSING NINE VOTING DELEGATES AT THE CONGRESS. THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF AND A JOURNALIST FROM THE DAILY EXPRESS, ALL OF WHOM RECEIVED AN ALL EXPENSES PAID VISIT. MARCELINO LONTOK, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRADE UNIONS, ADDRESSED THE CONGRESS. THERE WERE REPORTED 20 TO 38 AMERICAN DELEGATES AND BONIFACIO TUPAZ WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE A STIRRING DEFENSE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RIGHT TO STRIKE. THE WFTU IS COMMITTED TO TUPAZ TO CONDUCT ITS FIRST SEMINAR ON FUNDAMENTALS OF TRADE UNIONISM AND LEADERSHIP
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MANILA 07672 01 OF 02 101052Z

THE LAST WEEK IN MAY THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. GABRIEL GATCHALIAN, TREASURER OF THE TUCP AND A RECENTLY RETURNED OBSERVER AT THE WFTU CONGRESS IN PRAGUE, TOLD LABATT THAT THERE WERE NINE VOTING DELEGATES FROM VARIOUS PHILIPPINE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS AT THAT CONGRESS. THEY WERE:

- A. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRADE UNIONS (NATU), MARCELINO LONTOK, PRESIDENT, AND CEASAR RIVERA;

- B. TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ALLIED SERVICES (TUPAS), BONIFACIO TUPAZ, GENERAL SECRETARY, RUDY PANGUILANGAN AND ATTORNEY DORON.

- C. THE UNAFFILIATED PRINTERS UNION (UIF), MRS. RAMIL PARIS, PRESIDENT.

- D. MASACA, AN INDEPENDENT FARMERS' ORGANIZATION, ROMULO DEGUZMAN, PRESIDENT.

- E. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINE AND ALLIED WORKERS (NAMAW), ROBERTO PADILLO, THE SON OF ROY PADILLO, PRESIDENT.

- F. AN INDEPENDENT UNION OF TEXTILE WORKERS, ROY CAPA, PRESIDENT. DIONISIO PELAYO, A NEWSPAPER REPORTER FOR THE DAILY EXPRESS, WHO REPORTEDLY TOOK ANNUAL LEAVE, WAS AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID GUEST OF THE WFTU. HIS PARTICIPATION WAS ARRANGED BY BONIFACIO TUPAZ.

3. GATCHALIAN SAID THAT LONTOK WAS THE ONLY FILIPINO
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MANILA 07672 01 OF 02 101052Z

THAT WAS INVITED TO ADDRESS THE CONGRESS AND THAT HE DELIVERED A FRIENDLY "THANK YOU" ONE-AND-A-HALF PAGE SPEECH. GATCHALIAN WAS TURNED OFF BY THE REPETITIOUS POLITICAL DIALOGUE WHICH HE CALLED THE SAME OLD TUNE OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM. HE WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE MORE THAN 20 AMERICAN DELEGATES THAT ATTENDED. TUPAZ CLAIMS THERE WERE ACTUALLY 38 AMERICAN DELEGATES PRESENT. ACCORDING TO GATCHALIAN, ONE AMERICAN DELEGATE, ERNIE DEMAYO, CLAIMED TO BE THE WFTU PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS. ANOTHER WOMAN DELEGATE CAME FROM A LOCAL 1199 OF PITTSBURGH AND OTHERS CAME FROM THE WEST COAST LONG-SHOREMEN'S UNION. HE DID NOT MEET THEM ALL AND RETAINED ONLY THESE FEW FACTS. THE ATTENDING NEWSPAPER REPORTER SUBMITTED AN APRIL 30 STORY, CARRIED ON PAGE ONE OF THE DAILY EXPRESS, THAT BONIFACIO TUPAZ HAD MADE A STIRRING DEFENSE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RIGHT TO STRIKE. TUPAZ ALLEGEDLY DISSUADED THE CONGRESS FROM ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CRITICAL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PRESIDENT MARCOS. GATCHALIAN SAYS THAT NEVER HAPPENED.

4. TUPAZ TOLD LABATT THAT HIS DEFENSE OF THE PHILIPPINES WAS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE WFTU WAS GOING TO SPONSOR SEMINARS IN THE RP. TUPAZ FURTHER TOLD LABATT THAT THE FIRST SEMINAR ON THE "FUNDAMENTALS OF TRADE UNIONISM AND LEADERSHIP" WILL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MANILA 07672 02 OF 02 101048Z
ACTION SIL-01

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 EUR-12 NEA-11 ISO-00
IO-13 MMO-01 EB-08 LAB-04 /081 W
-----058835 101107Z /16

R 101000Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5558
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
USMISSION GENEVA
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 MANILA 07672

BE CONDUCTED RIGHT AFTER THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF HIS FEDERATION ON MAY 21. THIS WAS DESIRABLE SO THAT THE WFTU AND THE RUSSIAN AUCCTU FRATERNAL DELEGATES COULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEMINAR. TUPAZ SAID THAT HIS DELAYED RETURN FROM PRAGUE WAS DUE TO HIS BEING INVITED TO MOSCOW BY THE AUCCTU FOR ONE WEEK. HE ALSO VISITED THE UKRAINE.

5. COMMENT: TUPAZ HAS GREAT EXPECTATIONS AS TO THE OUTCOME OF HIS AFFILIATION WITH THE WFTU, PARTICULARLY THE SEMINARS HE PLANS TO CONDUCT. IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THE WFTU COULD NEGOTIATE A TRADE UNION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR A COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR WFTU ASIAN ACTIVITIES RESIDENT IN MANILA. SHOULD THAT COME TO PASS, MANILA WOULD THEN HAVE TRADE UNION FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FROM FREDRICK EBERT STIFTUNG, KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG, THE WFTU AND AAFLI. TOUSSAINT

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETING REPORTS, LABOR UNIONS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MANILA07672
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780198-0240
Format: TEL
From: MANILA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780574/aaaackzc.tel
Line Count: 167
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 364e30a1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SIL
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE A-1200
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2737112
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRAGUE CONVENTION OF WFTU
TAGS: ELAB, RP, WFTU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/364e30a1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014